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THE INDIFFERENT VOTE.

A writer alluding to women's suffrage expressed fear that its acceptance would serve to increase what he terms the indifferent vote, though, so far as observed, there has been nothing in the experience of states where women have the ballot to warrant this apprehension.

That there is too large an indifferent vote in this country is well known to all observant people but there appears to be no sound basis for the claim that this is larger in the women's suffrage states than in others. And there is no reason to believe that such political indifference as there is in the suffrage states is due to the fact that the ballot has been placed in the hands of women.

There are other reasons why so many men are indifferent to one of the greatest rights and privileges of citizenship, and perhaps the chief reason is that these have cost them so little. The battle for independence and the right of self-government was successfully fought long ago. The struggles and sacrifices were made by the colonists, and the fruits of that struggle have come to the succeeding generations as an inheritance.

It is well known that those who inherit wealth do not appreciate it as do those who accumulate it, for the simple reason that they are unacquainted with the labors and self-denial necessary to its accumulation, and without doubt the underestimation of the value and importance of the ballot, which is far more widespread than it should be, is due to a similar cause.

The prevalence of this indifference is one of the glaring evils of the times. There are too many men who will not take the trouble to vote unless it is perfectly convenient to do so, and this is not the whole trouble by any means. There are also far too many who are not governed by the right motives in their voting. Instead of studying the issue and the candidates as they should and voting for principle every time they are in too many instances actuated by personal feeling or partisanship that goes beyond the bounds of reason. This tends to lower the tone of public affairs and produce conditions that are no credit to those whose votes, or lack of votes, are responsible for them.

Those things have no proper place under such a government as that of the United States. It is time for a revival in the pride of citizenship, for every man to value his ballot at its worth and to use it intelligently and conscientiously rather than indifferently.

From this distance all signs indicate that Roscerus W. Pillsbury, the perpetual candidate for the governorship in New Hampshire, is doomed to another defeat. The campaign for Henry W. Keyes of Haverhill is being enthusiastically supported. Vermonters have an interest in Keyes, as he was born in Newbury, this state, and still has large property interests in that town.

There are a lot of us who think we know a good deal about our own state who get a surprise frequently. Probably not one person in a thousand realized that bee keeping on a commercial scale was carried on to such an im-

portant extent as in the case of the Crane apiary at Middlebury, which is turning out a ton of honey a day.

Charles E. Hughes's set speeches, like his long preaching when he was officially notified of his nomination, are devoted largely to hammering the administration for its shortcomings. This always pleases the crowd, but it should be supplemented with some positive statements regarding his own policies.

State's Attorney Gleason has ordered the exalted ruler of the Elks and the president of the Eagles in Montpelier to close their buffets. This means that the dispensing of invigorating beverages within clubs will be stopped in the capital city.

A Vermont Philanthropist.

(Montpelier Argus.)

Ira C. Calef of Washington, who within the past month gave \$20,000 to Heaton hospital, making the total of his gifts \$41,000 to that institution followed this a few days ago by the presentation of \$20,000 to Barre City hospital, which increases his remembrances to that hospital to a sum which substantially equals that which he presented to the hospital in this city. His gift of \$20,000 to the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington a few days after the announcement of his remembrance to the institution in this city, brings his total benefactions to \$60,000 to Vermont hospitals within a month. Mr. Calef also has been a liberal contributor to Goldard sanitarium and hospitals in Providence, R. I., and Boston, where, as a boy, he was taken in when sick and penniless and cured, which is one reason for his munificent treatment of hospitals in general. Mr. Calef's great generosity has touched a responsive chord among his fellow citizens and made his name loved and respected around every fireside. By doing good while he lives he can have the pleasure of watching the benefits his fellow men will have by making hospital treatment the most effective possible through a sure and steady income.

A Hard-Working Vermonter.

(Barre Times.)

The late Kittredge Haskins was one of the leading men of Vermont in that generation which has just passed the period of its greatest activity in public affairs. Lately he had given way, along with many others, to the younger generation of strong Vermonters who are maintaining the best traditions of the commonwealth. But so long as he continued in active life he held an enviable position among the public men of the state. He had served in many capacities inside the state, but his chief work was as a member of congress from the second district, in which position he served eight years. During those eight years Colonel Haskins worked faithfully in the performance of his duties and he was influential in securing marked advantages for the state of Vermont as well as in giving broadminded consideration to the best interests of the nation as a whole. He is not to be ranked as among the most brilliant of Vermont's men in congress, but he will be remembered as a hard worker and a man who gained the respect of his fellow Vermonters for his fidelity to his work. Kittredge Haskins was a Vermonter who felt his responsibility keenly.

Clear Field for Barber.

(Montpelier Argus.)

Attorney General Barber announces that he is a candidate to succeed himself and strange to relate no one makes a motion that the office be abolished. Two years or more ago the howl to do this was so intense that it took courage to be even a candidate for a job that had come into such popular disfavor. At that time Barber asked to be given a chance to make good. The legislature decided to let him try. The results are apparent. Barber has not always been right, no mortal is all the time, but he has tried to be as near right as possible and he has been invariably successful in the actions where he has represented the interests of the state. If he can show those New Hampshire chaps during the next two years that the middle of the Connecticut river is our boundary limit and that they cannot tax property on the Vermont shore the enemies of the office will call him blest. This matter will be, probably, the most important to come up in the tenure of the attorney general's office during the next biennial period.

Divoll Had Good Record.

(Burlington Free Press.)

We have long held that Vermont had much to gain from the re-election of faithful and efficient legislators. We therefore note with especial interest and gratification the following announcement in The Brattleboro Reformer:

"Natt L. Divoll of Rockingham, who made a highly creditable record in the last session of the legislature as senator and as representative in 1908, is a candidate for re-election. His statement to The Reformer is well worth reading. There will be few to dissent with him in his desire to shorten the legislative session. There are now four avowed candidates in Windham county—Mr. Divoll, Herman E. Eddy of Brattleboro, Frank A. DeWitt of Newfane and John H. Ware of Townshend. All of these men have had legislative experience." Senator Divoll was one of the senators who in 1915 stood for the rights and interests of the taxpayers in dealing with the question of public service, and he is the kind of men we need in the senate. We wish the state could induce more like him to serve in that capacity.

A la Germany.

"Yassah! Brudder Tump sho' flogged me, and flogged me plenty! He knoeked me down and drung me around and beat and manled me twell much tongue hung out."

"What you 'all gwine to do 'bout it, sah?"
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—Kansas City Star.

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RUSSIA

Russia is a large, sprawling nation whose principal products are cannon fodder and children. The Russian chiblain has no equal in size, fearlessness and tenacity of purpose, and when contracted by the pampered American tourist causes a profound feeling of discontent to settle in his feet. It is one of the principal defenses of Russia, as it cripples a hostile army in the transportation department and offers an impenetrable front to the one-night corn cure.

Russia formerly spread over a good share of Europe, like a seven foot traveling man in an upper berth, but it has lost a lot of territory during the war which it is now seeking to regain. The population of Russia consists mainly of the moujik, a muscular form of serf who seems to prefer dying for the czar to any other pursuit. Whenever the czar runs out of soldiers he reaches back into the rear counties and hauls forth a few million moujiks who were overlooked in the draft. The average moujik lacks culture and a shave, but is constructed to stand the fierce Russian winter without losing the use of his legs.

Russia is a prohibition country, and became so without the aid of William Jennings Bryan. Until the war started Russia's favorite drink was vodka.

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LONDONDERRY.

Miss Carrie Carver is visiting in Weston.
Miss Clegg is in Hartford, Conn., for a few days.

Miss Louise Warner is working in the postoffice.
Miss Marion Wright of Newfane is home for a few days.

Frank Stockwell went on a hike to Danby Monday, returning Wednesday.
Edward Buttner of Roxbury, Mass., visited his brother, Carl, over Sunday.
Fred Williams's family are occupying their bungalow at Lake Wantanquet.

Several from this village attended the Williams-Slate lawsuit last week Tuesday.

The West River fair association is getting its books printed. The fair will be held Sept. 8.

E. A. Wilder and Frank Davis were in Middletown Springs Tuesday to sell real estate belonging to the Wait estate.

Mrs. Pike of Brattleboro is with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Williams, Lauren Pike of Townshend was there over Sunday.

Rev. Leroy Peirce of Medfield, Mass., is with his mother, Mrs. Peirce, and sister, Mrs. Aldrich, for the month of August.

Leon Aldrich has a new five-passenger Ford car, Carl Buttner a Ford truck and Frank Curtis a new Chalmers-Detroit car.

Mr. and Mrs. McNabols of New York city and Mr. and Mrs. Jellison of Orange, N. J., are boarding at Oak Stevens's.

Malcolm Barney and family, Mrs. E. P. Barney, Mrs. Mary Leonard and Miss Gertrude Hutchins, went by automobile to Burlington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cory have finished work in Brattleboro, and Mrs. Cory is with her mother here and Richard is working in Springfield.

The Universalist society will celebrate Old Home week with a supper Thursday, Aug. 17, and a play, A Regiment of Two, followed by a dance Friday night, Aug. 18.

There was a large attendance at the chapel Sunday morning to hear Mr. Stockwell's sermon, The Chief Duties of Masonry, Anchor lodge of the south village was invited as well as West River lodge of this village, of which Mr. Stockwell is a member. The center of the church was reserved for Masons and was well filled, 17 being present from Anchor lodge. It was a fine discourse and much appreciated by all present.

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MR. SUN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Children had seen old Mr. Sun on his way to bed. He had been as red as could be and very, very enormous. They wondered what Mr. Sun was up to, and were not surprised at all when Daddy said:

"Mr. Sun had a Birthday Party this afternoon and the Gnomes were invited. He told his Guests to come just a little while before it was time for him to go to bed."

"Well," said Peter Gnome, "you don't suppose we would come after you had gone to bed, do you?"

"Oh no," said Mr. Sun as he grinned, "but the Party must begin at just such a time and end at just such a time. I have my own special reasons, so come as I've said, won't you, Gnomes?"

"By all means," said the Gnomes. "And just a little while before Mr. Sun's going to bedtime, all the Gnomes appeared on top of a high hill."

"Mr. Sun was shining brightly, but soon the Gnomes noticed he began to get even brighter and brighter, and more red every second."

"You're looking wonderful, Mr. Sun," the Gnomes called out in admiration.

"So glad to hear you say that," said Mr. Sun, "for this is my Birthday Party!"

"Your Birthday," they cried out in amazement. "Why we never knew you had a Birthday!"

"Oh, oh," said Mr. Sun, and he almost lost his fine color which he had been getting. "Dear me, oh Mr. Purple Cloud," he called, "let me hide my head in your best shawl, these little Gnomes never knew I had a Birthday!" And for a moment Mr. Sun was hidden by a Purple Cloud and only a shadow could be seen from his beautiful red color.

"But explain to us," said the Gnomes, "We don't want to hurt your feelings. We're only too glad to be



"You're Looking Wonderful, Mr. Sun."

at your Birthday Party. We just didn't know about it—that's all. Won't you tell us, Mr. Sun?"

"And Mr. Sun again came out from the Purple Cloud and said:

"Why, you see when I change into this bright red robe of mine—then it's my Birthday. Perfectly simple, isn't it?"

"Yes, perfectly, now that you've explained. But still we want to know how many years old are you? And you certainly have a Birthday Party more than once a year, such as People have. Won't you kindly tell us the meaning of that—we've seen you wear this fine red robe quite often, you know."

"To be sure I'll tell you," said Mr. Sun. "In the first place of all I cannot tell you my age for I've forgotten it. Truly and really I've forgotten. Now that I've lived so many years it's hardly worth the while remembering just exactly the time. Of course, I know that a little boy or a little girl would think it very strange to forget one's age—but then you see I am so old. Besides I have such a great deal to think of. There are always the sick People to be made well, and there are the Pienies and Swimming parties I have to attend, and there are the Crops to be grown and the Flowers in the gardens, and oh such thousands of things that I cannot remember my age."

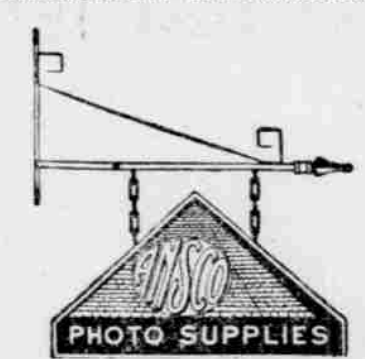
"And as for having more than one Birthday a year—that is perfectly true. I have them whenever I feel like it—but usually I have one when I'm going to work very hard the next day, to make folks fine and warm, and the things in the gardens grow. You see when I'm feeling so strong and well I think I ought to celebrate, so I give a Birthday Party."

"Everyone admires me when I wear this robe, and it's just the same to me as though they were all saying that they wished me many happy returns of the day—for they all are hoping that I will wear the red robe again."

"You've shown us a great honor to ask us to your Birthday Party," said one of the Gnomes, "and we're more than grateful." But we must sing you a Birthday Song." And they all joined hands and danced around on the top of the hill singing, "To Mr. Sun, who is such fun, many happy returns of the day!"

"And as Mr. Sun was hurrying off to bed, for it was high time for him to be off, lovely Red Clouds were left in the sky as thanks for the Gnomes' Birthday wishes."

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